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Town and Port

- 1. Telnovsk (N 49-24, E 142-06) (formerly Kita Kozawa) has a population of about 2,000. The village consists of approximately 350 dwelling houses, most of which are made of wood and resemble a farmer's house. There are four or five stores which sell practically everything and might be described as miniature department stores. There are numerous sidewalk liquor stands at which the customers stand and consume alchoholic beverages. There are two barber shops; two tailor shops; and one hospital, located on high ground and said to be the former Kita Kozawa primary school. There are also a small telegraph office, a library, about ten small apartment houses, one fire station, three restaurants, three or four photographic studios, and a bazaar.
- 2. About fifty Korean adults and children and a few femmales 25X1 married to Koreans and Soviets reside in the village.
- 3. A dirt-gravel road in poor condition, about six meters wide, runs through the village between two low mountain ranges. The road leads eastward to Uglegorsk (N 49-05, E 142-03), about twenty miles away, and northward to Boshnyakovo (N 49-39, E 142-10). Houses are located at random on both sides of the road.
- 4. The coal mines are said to be located about four or five kilometers from the waterfront. Coal is transported from the mines to the village over a single-track, standard-gauge railroad, laid during the Japanese administration. The railroad crosses the road at one point. A locomotive about one-third the size of a conventional Japanese engine was seen pulling about 14 cars, each loaded with about four tons of coal. The coal storage area is located about 500 meters from the waterfront. Here the coal is washed and the debris removed. It is then loaded on the coal conveyer, which carries it to the end of the landing, where it is dropped from a chute onto barges. The distance is about 800 meters.

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- 5. The pier under the coal conveyer extends about 300 meters into the sea. It is about twenty feet high during normal times (sic; at mean tide?). The thick concrete piles are spaced about thirty feet apart with thick wooden planks laid across them. The pier is believed to have been constructed during the Japanese administration of the area. Another pier is under construction about 100 meters to the north. There are scaffolds around it.
- 6. A square concrete breakwater, with an entrance at the south end, is located about one and one-half km south of the pier.

 cmly launches can take refuge within the breakwater in rough weather. Other vessels cannot be accommodated. The port office is believed to be located there (sic).
- 7. No Soviet patrol boats were encountered between Otaru and Telnovsk. Two
 2,000 3,000-ton cargo vessels were in Telnovsk. The CHEKHOV was taking
 on a load of timber. There were three launches in the harbor.

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Transportation

8. A dilapidated 14-passenger bus of Soviet origin carrying about 35 persons was observed heading toward Uglegorsk.

It was said that it takes from one and one-half to 25X1 two hours to go by bus to Uglegorsk and that buses leave at two-hour intervals. Nineteen trucks were observed, two of which were imitation US GMC ten-wheeled trucks which appeared to be in good condition. The rest were dilapidated Soviet box-type trucks, smaller than the conventional Japanese trucks, which have a loading capacity of two tons. The trucks were hauling sand, gravel, and timber. Four imitation quarter-tim, winterised (sheet metal tops) jeeps were observed. No sedans were seen. Two Soviet fire trucks of ancient vintage were parked in front of the fire station.

Economic and Social Conditions in Telnovsk

- 9. Families residing in Sakhalin have been alloted by State decree a plot of land measuring about 1,080 square feet to be utilized as they see fit. Most of the plots were planted with vegetables, part of which are consumed by the grower and the rest taken to the bassar and sold. A few of the lots are used as children's playgrounds. Hogs, chickens, and ducks were being raised in large numbers. One family had two cows.
- 10. In Telnovsk, hogs and cattle are slaughtered only during the cold weather, because there is no adequate refrigeration. Only salted meat and pork are available during the warm season. No meat markets were seen in the village, although a chunk of meat weighing about seven lbs was observed on a wooden slab in the bassar. Fresh fruits are not available. Canned fruits were observed in some of the stores. It was said that two years ago a shipment of fresh apples arrived in Sakhalin from North Kores.

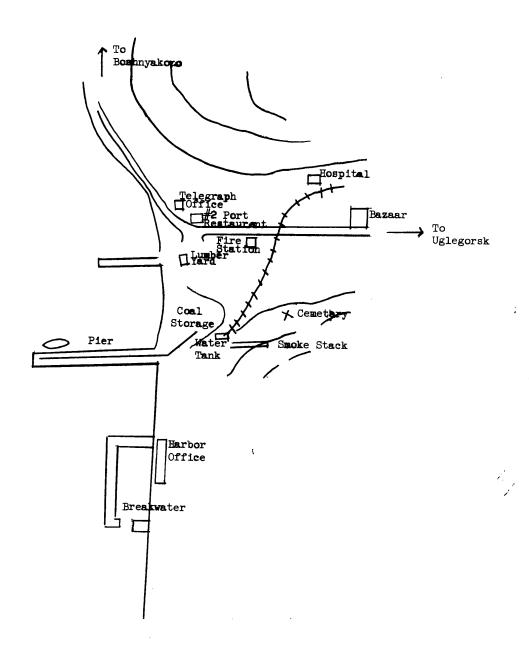
There were only a few toys in the toy shop and prices were exhorbitant. A 25X1 six-inch teddy bear was priced at 300 rubles. Many shildren were observed pulling empty tin cans tied to the end of a string. The majority of the children were barefoot. Cigarettes cost from two to four rubles per pack. One kilo of bread cost 1 ruble, 20 kopeks. A kilo of butter cost 26 rubles. Villagers touched and marveled at foreign clothes. Suiting material was available at the bassar and there were about four shades from which to choose. A few houses had curtains over their windows.

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11.	The following	g items were available in the No. 2 Port Restaurant:	
		five kinds of soup (including beef soup)	
		mincemeat cutlet	
		meat prepared in about ten different ways	
		hot cakes with jam	
		frozen pudding (kisel)	
		salted salmon and herring	
		butter	
		cheese	
12.	They had gree officers were	ard personnel were clad in khaki trousers and khaki high-collar, its with two metal buttons at the neck and three on the front. In shoulder boards, and they wore knee-high black boots. The sall armed with pistols. Some enlisted men were armed with some with rifles.	25 X 1
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